

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A double ~~Double~~ shell tank ship comprising an outer skin, and an inner shell surrounding the individual holds and spaced from the outer skin, wherein the outer skin and the inner shell are rigidly interconnected by ~~means of~~ substantially vertically and horizontally extending connecting elements, characterized ~~characterised~~ in that the connecting elements (12, 13), and that at least some of the vertical inner wall members of frame and/or at least some of the horizontal stringers are provided with rated break points or perforations (20), and the inner shell (11) has been produced from a highly resilient steel comprising high breaking elongation.

2. (Currently amended) A double ~~Double~~ shell tank ship according to claim 1, characterized ~~characterised~~ in that the perforations (20) in the vertically extending connecting elements (12), the members of frame, are configured close to the inner shell.

3. (Currently amended) A double ~~Double~~ shell tank ship according to claim ~~one of the claims 1 or 2~~, characterized ~~characterised~~ in that the perforations (20) in the horizontally extending connecting elements (13), the stringers, are configured close to the inner shell.

4. (Currently amended) A double ~~Double~~ shell tank ship according to claim ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 3~~, characterized ~~characterised~~ in that the perforations (20) are formed by rows of round holes.

5. (New) A double shell tank ship according to claim 2, characterized in that the perforations (20) in the horizontally extending connecting elements (13), the stringers, are configured close to the inner shell.

6. (New) A double shell tank ship according to claim 2, characterized in that the perforations (20) are formed by rows of round holes.

7. (New) A double shell tank ship according to claim 3, characterized in that the perforations (20) are formed by rows of round holes.

8. (New) A double shell tank ship according to claim 5, characterized in that the perforations (20) are formed by rows of round holes.